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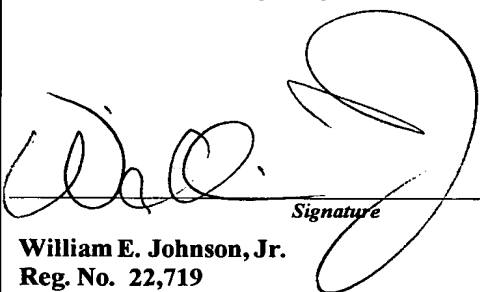
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 to 28. Such cancellation is not an admission that the claim is not patentable over the prior art.

Please add the following Claims:

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Prior
- — 29. An improved automatic fish hook apparatus formed from a single wire comprising:
- a first shank having a first end and a second end;
 - a second shank having a first end and a second end;
 - a tensioner disposed intermediate the first shank and the second shank at about the middle of the single piece of wire, and at about the first end of the first shank and at about the first end of the second shank, the tensioner having a first state and a second state; and
 - a latch having a first latch position and a second latch position, the latch disposed about the first shank and releasably in communication with the second shank,
- wherein
- the first latch position maintains the tensioner in the first state and upon the application of two generally opposing forces applied about the first shank and the second shank the tensioner is released into the second state.
30. The improved fish hook of Claim 29 wherein the first shank comprises a first hook.

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